

Taipei, Korea. Jan 31st 1903

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Dr. F. F. Ellinwood
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Cas to Mrs. Adams Case
and need of furlough

156 Fifth Ave New York City U.S.A.

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Dr. Ellinwood -
Dear Dr. Ellinwood -

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at a meeting of the Taipei Station held Jan 16th it was moved and carried that a Circular Letter be circulated among the members of the Korean Mission asking that in view of the illness of Mrs. Adams, Rev. Mrs. Adams be allowed to begin their furlough about Mar 1st instead of June 15th as previously requested. This action was taken in view of my opinion that the state of Mrs. Adams health required a trip to America in the near future.

To Review Mrs. Adams Case - -

Since her return from health furlough in the United States two years ago her health has on the whole been good until May 13th 1902 when she had an abortion in the 11th week of pregnancy. This was followed despite most careful treatment by an attack of pelvic peritonitis with an inflammatory exudate in the left pelvis which compelled her continuance in bed until Aug 27th 1902. - at that time per my letter of Nov 1st and perhaps former ones, as there was the possibility of a pelvic abscess that might require a major operation which from lack of facilities and other circumstances could not be attempted in Taipei I accompanied her and her husband to Susan with a view of being within

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reach of Japan or ² the United States should an
operation become suddenly necessary. She
improved steadily however and after con-
-sultation with Dr. Hugh Burrell of the Pres-
-byterian Mission it was decided to continue
her treatment in Fusan. This was done and
she remained there until Oct. 7th under Dr. Burrell's
care, I having meanwhile returned to Dairen.
at the end of this time with Dr. Burrell's consent
she came back to Dairen with her husband and
children who had during the interval attended
the Annual Mission Meeting at Seoul.
She seemed at this time to have recovered her
health entirely and altho I wrote her at Fusan
urging a longer convalescence after such an
illness she did not think it possible nor did
it seem easy to remain away from her home
longer. Upon her arrival at Dairen she
resumed active household duties, the teaching
of Korean women on Sabbath & mid-week and
the oversight of a bible woman with visitation at
the homes of Korean women. There is no
question but that she overstayed her strength and
soon began to have at intervals symptoms of
the former pelvic trouble but she kept about
and appeared and acted quite well and strong
saying nothing about herself. It was during
this time, see my letter dated Nov 1st 1902, that
I wrote you discouragingly of her health.
about the 20th of November however she requested
my advice for pain in the left pelvis, backache
headache and various symptoms indicating
a recurrence or relapse of the former condition.

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In the course of the interview she admitted having had some slight symptoms at intervals since a date within two weeks after her return from Fusan. Mrs. Adams is a woman with a tendency to endure in silence a long time before asking a physician's services. She had done this here.

Treatment was begun and has continued until the present time without any marked improvement of the local pelvic trouble altho from prolonged rest, a semi-invalid life and careful feeding, she has gained slightly in weight and ^{her} general condition has slightly bettered.

Examination leads me to believe that the uterine appendages are so involved that an operation may be necessary for their removal or at least a prolonged course of expert gynecological treatment. This I believe ought to be undertaken in the United States.

The conditions in Japan are not favorable for such prolonged treatment in her case and as for operation should it be found necessary, I would not recommend a Japanese surgeon, while Dr. Ballz (the only surgeon I would advise her to consult has just returned @ Germany.

The Board's letter in regard to a postponement of Mrs. Adams' furlong has been received but under the circumstances I believe it wisest for them both @ return at once. Not only is the probability of a grave operation against Mrs. Adams return alone but I do not believe she would do

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well physically without her husband even should
it not prove necessary. During the past winter
Mr. Adams has been prevented from one or
two country itinerations by his wife's condition.

As to the time of Mrs. Adams' return
to Korea after this furlough I would say now
that the opinion of the physician or surgeon
under whose care she is placed while in America
will of course largely decide it. Yet I would
like to advise that great caution be exercised
in allowing a too early return. As proved
by her break down from neurasthenia two
years ago she has not as large a fund of
nervous force upon which to draw as the
majority of women. She is exceedingly
liable to undertake too much and does not
conserve her strength as well as she might.
Here on the new site and under the present
more favorable conditions of life than before
it is possible for her to do well I believe.
She has done so until what might be called
the accident of last spring. With much
regret ~~that~~ the necessity that seems to make
their early return advisable. I remain

Yours very sincerely

Woodbridge Johnson

P.S. Mr. Adams expects to leave Kobe on S.S. Korea
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Dairen, Korea, Feb 23, 1903. ²⁷ Adams healthy

Dr. J. F. Ellinwood

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MAR 30 1903

Dr. Ellinwood:

My dear Dr. Ellinwood

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Since writing you Jan 27th in reference to Mrs. J. E. Adams health there is not much to record concerning her case. Her active symptoms have perhaps been less marked at times but the local inflammatory condition in the pelvis remains the same. She has had almost continual headache which I have not been able to relieve with drugs. I have advised Mr. Adams to take her to a specialist in gynecology as soon as he reaches America and place her in his care. Should an operation prove necessary it would be of advantage to have it done early in her furlough that she might have a long time to recuperate and rest. Mr. Adams ought in any case to have his wife spend her time while at home not as she may perhaps desire in addressing societies or churches even after she gets better but in rest; in such a life that is as near primitive conditions as possible camping, tenting, outdoor life. This will be far better for her than life in a town or city.

Mr. Adams expected to leave here for Korea via Fusan Feb 25th but we have had

an epidemic of influenza during which
most of the members of the station have
been prostrated at one time or another. The
three Adams children as well as Mrs Adams
are still afflicted and they will be compelled
to postpone their departure. We have had
more illness than usual this past Fall and
winter in Taiku. During October and Novem-
ber I was not well and since New Year's
have been in bed twice for several days at a
time so that for some months I have not
been able to do my full medical work. I have
been troubled with nervousness, sleeplessness
inability to concentrate on my study or work
so that I have feared I may not have entirely
recovered from the effects of the attack of
Typhus fever I had in 1901. The Adams
children have been ill on several occasions.
Mr. Barrett has had an attack of malaria
acquired during his long trip in the north
and my eldest little girl has had a severe
attack of dysentery but is now recovering
and I think out of danger.
I hope that this may find your own health
good. With sincere regards

I remain

Yours Truly

W. O. Johnson M.D.

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Paikeu Korea Feb 23 1903 Explanation of
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Dr. F. F. Ellinwood
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Dr. Ellinwood
My dear Dr. Ellinwood
A. Johnson
I write concerning two requests for
appropriations asked for by Paikeu Station and
the Korean Mission viz -

- 1st Current Medical Work increased over last year 294.00
- 2nd Completing purchase of station site at Paikeu 800.00

As for the first request - An increased amount asked
for current medical work. This was deemed
necessary in view of the anticipated enlargement
of the work coincident with the building of
the new hospital. I expect the new hospital
will be finished and occupied before half the
fiscal year is over. All the ordinary
expenses will be increased in a new and
larger building accommodating in-patients
as well as out patients - such expenses as
lights and heating - wages of assistants
surgical dressings and supplies. This
increase in expenses however will not I
believe be permanent except in part.

Since the medical work was opened here
nothing has been asked the Board for
the purchase of drugs. They have been
bought from money raised by sales to
patients and fees from the same.

As you will see by this first year's Report of Paikhe Station the receipts from sale of drugs and from fees amounted in eight months to 80% of the amount it was expected to raise on the field for the same.

Owing to the lack of wards, fees from surgical cases formed a very small part of the sum raised.

It is well recognized that these fees from in-patients are the main source of profit from the natives.

I believe that as soon as the new hospital gets into working order we will be able to raise a much larger proportion of money on the field.

The increased amount asked for this year is of course only an estimate. It is as exact as we could estimate but I feel sure that part of it can soon be raised upon the field.

The increase in item for assistants is due to an extra painter or caretaker and gate man which the new hospital will necessitate.

There will also be a somewhat larger pay roll for assistants than formerly.

I think I wrote you of the two student-assistants whom I have engaged to be with me in that capacity for the next five years.

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care of one will amount to you one per month, in the other case to you two per month. After that they are to receive you three, you four, you five and you seven per month for the second, third, fourth and fifth years respectively.

This schedule is somewhat higher than that which Dr. Wells of Peking Yang says his student assistants and somewhat less than given by Dr. Arison of Seoul. It seemed to me the best in view of the conditions here. One of my students is the sub-deacon in our local church, an earnest zealous Christian. The other is a younger lad of seventeen years the son of a warm friend of my Evangelistic helper Mr. Pe. This boy while not a Christian when he was engaged has professed himself one since. He is an exceedingly bright and promising student with such a thirst for learning that he had attended a Japanese school and partially mastered that tongue as well as considerable English before he became our student.

I have been giving these students two mornings a week of instruction at my house and every afternoon practical work in assisting me at the dispensary since November.

I have been asked to take several other students anxious to become Physicians but find two enough for the present.

The item "medicines for Foreigners" \$100.00" which is new this year is asked that a proper supply of fresh and palatable drugs may be procured for the use of the missionaries of this station. Drugs for dispensing to the Koreans are bought with the view of economy, as much as is consistent with obtaining good ones. They are often in crude form and no one but a skillful pharmacist with the means and appliances can evolve palatable mixtures from them. The best drugs are just up today in pill, tablet or triturate form and are too expensive to dispense to the Koreans. Even they ought to be renewed every few years in a climate with a hot rainy season and a rather large stock, a considerable assortment of them must be kept on hand to meet every possible emergency arising in the missionaries families in an isolated station. For instance there is the item of diphtheria-antitoxin. The great majority of the profession agree that this dread disease's mortality is lowered by the use of anti-toxin. In a station the size of Taikyu with several children about eight years worth of anti-toxin ought to be always on hand. Half of this should be renewed every year. There is no appropriation for an item like

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is therefore I believe needed.
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number of years and need not be
yearly requested.

As to the second request - you
"Completing purchase of Taikoo Station site" 800.00

I have urged upon the other members of the
station for some time the advisability of
obtaining from the Board a sum to purchase
land for future and very probable building
operations. Just before the last annual
meeting in view of the near completion
of the Fusan Seoul R.R. I urged that
extra land should be needed before many
years be bought now while prices were
low. When the Japanese come in every-
thing will go up. The other members
of the station thought such purchase
before the exact use for said land was
definitely decided upon and buildings ready
to be put up to be contrary to Mission
policy. At the annual Mission meeting
the members of Seoul & Peking Y.M.C. stations
in view of the great rise in property at those
places and of the difficulty they were experiencing
or had experienced in buying suitable land for
mission purposes urged Taikoo to ask for an
amount sufficiently large to purchase an
adequate site for future building. The amount

Yen 500 was even suggested by a member
of one of those stations.
The Taikoo members therefore changed their
minds on the subject and preferred the
request. Personally I think the amount
named larger than necessary. Had the Board
deemed it wise to abandon Fusan and
concentrate both stations and the work in
Southern Korea at Taikoo it might not
have ^{been} too large. As it is I think Yen 500.
should be appropriated and enough to
make the purchase requisite but I would
urge the appropriation of that much. Let
property be bought now while it is cheap
before the Railroad is finished. Mr. Barrett
has already asked for a house for which
there is no site as yet; the Mission having
decided that the one vacant lot on hand
adjoining my residence be reserved for
single ladies. This because it is the
only vacant lot that can be secured near
the three present residences and the
single ladies should be near the others.
You are aware of course that we have
now the right "to domicile" at Taikoo.
Minister Allen procured this for us. The
residence of all missionaries in the
interior of Korea is also countenanced
now by the Government. As soon as the
Fusan-Seoul R.R. is completed I have no
doubt but that Japanese will rapidly settle
permanently along its line.

I remain Yours most sincerely
Woodbridge O Johnson

April 6, 1903

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Mission Secretary

Paikeu, Korea, April 6 1903 ^{Dunes & Seaside} ^{to please the lady} 44

RECEIVED Dear Dr. Collinwood Johnson
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Your letter dated March 4th was
received yesterday. In regard to the Mission's
willingness to let me show the grounds for
action in Dr. Irwin's case I think you do not
fully understand my position. It is simply
that of an individual member of an organized
body acting that body for private information
he thinks due him. From my previous corres-
pondence you will see that I requested to be
included with the other members of the Committee
in the same conditions of secrecy. The
granting of my request therefore could not
affect any other member of the Mission or
cause any discussion of the matter.
I had or have no wish to re-open the question
for I fully recognize as you have said that it
would make for neither harmony, peace or
the furtherance of the Gospel in Korea but
their opposites. Upon receipt of your letter
and the Council's decision I have no more
to say.

I spent several days with Dr. and Mrs. Irwin
while in Suwon last month securing timber
for the Paikeu Hospital. In our conversation
regarding his return to Korea Dr. Irwin exhibited
a most kind and charitable spirit and while
I could perceive how deeply both he and Mrs.
Irwin had been wounded neither had a bitter
or unkind word. Mrs. Irwin feels that she
cannot again face the members of the Mission

at Annual Meeting but this will wear off
I think in time. I assured them that I
believed the majority of the Mission would be
glad to see them back now and the small
minority would realize they were wrong as
the affair passed. I think a majority of
the Mission as they realize the unanimous
opinion of outsiders are already ~~perceiving~~
~~to believe their action should have taken~~
~~some other form.~~ I was being
informed as to the feeling of the Mission
except from their action of last fall
thought it likely that the matter might be
introduced at the coming Annual Meeting
and expressed his willingness and determination
if this should be the case, to push it to
the end. I told him that I felt almost
certain that it was already buried and
would not again come to life and urged
him to look upon it so. She had
determined before leaving the United States
I think not to take the initiative in
any way and admitted as much to me.
His whole course and attitude in the matter
~~have made me fret more tightly of late~~
than before.

While at Duran I assisted in laying out
the foundations of Mr. Lidibothaus' house.
They were anxious to begin work as soon as
Mr. Nixon should forward the necessary funds.
He had expressed hesitation about doing so
without further Mission action.

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The letter from Susan a few days since however informs me that he has done so and work will begin immediately.

I presume that by this time it is well under way. Mr. Smith is a little cramped in Miss Charles' old quarters but Dr. Linn has given him one of his rooms for a study which gives him a quiet place for book work.

3 to Taike Station. Mr. Brown came home from an itinerating trip two weeks ago with an attack of malarial fever. It resembles Typhus and is often so termed. He was very ill for some time but passed the crisis favorably and is now convalescing steadily. The rest of our members are pretty well.

4 The Shinamon masons and bricklayers arrived from Seoul March 25th and are hard at work laying the stone foundations ~~of the Hospital~~. Most of the timber will be procured in Susan. I am having brick and tile burned near the hospital site. If nothing unforeseen occurs I expect the building to be completed by September or October.

I remain
Yours very sincerely
W. C. Johnson

Fuzan property matters
Tuskegee Hospital - letter
May 8 1903

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JUN 10 1903

Dr. F. F. Ellinwood
156 Fifth Ave. New York City U.S.A.
To give up dispensary work for time good

My dear Dr. Ellinwood -

5- Mr. Dewey letter
- Personal of Station
I have been received. I had seen in letters to
the Mission even before they came that I had
been appointed on the Committee to have
charge of Dr. Deborhaus house. And lately
I have received notice that the duties of the
Committee with myself increased by
Dr. Irwin are extended to the oversight of
the addition to the Tuskegee Memorial Hospital.
I have done and shall endeavor to do all I can
to forward these buildings in accordance with
Board and Mission wishes but the Board
should understand that I am not in a position
to take anything like a full share in the
Committee's work. My own oversight of the
Tuskegee Hospital now building ^{is arduous and} requires very
constant attention. The journey to Fuzan
and back requires at the least seven days
during which time the ^{other} members of Tuskegee
station are left without any medical aid
whatever should sudden illness arise. Visits
to Fuzan therefore are not easy or to be
often taken. Since notice of my appointment

on the ^{RECEIVED} committee to build Mr Sidebotham's house ^{JUL 18 1903} however I have been to Susan once and conferred with Mr Smith upon matters much more than before the committee. Mr Sidebotham was in the country unfortunately and the houses foundations were just being begun so there was not much of moment before us. The foundations are being finished rapidly now I understand and Mr Sidebotham expects that the building will be entirely completed before he goes to annual meeting the first week in September.

As to the Junction Memorial Hospital
I see from the appropriation sheets that over 1000.00 has been appropriated for its equipment including heating. This was the amount that the mission asked for in the Drums ibama. It is the same amount asked for the Pike Hos-
pital and enough perhaps if stones are used. Stones in a hospital however are exceedingly dusty and dirty and hard to regulate the temp rooms at an even temperature. Brick is expensive here in Iowa and each stone requires a separate chimney. This expense together with

the larger & burned and stones more perhaps hot. expect to put plaster & putting @ 4 furnace or start that anxious for establishment If this is a an extra a a furnace appropriate from your what I may increased at Hospital for stone. I have additional y not be possible the hospital It will be a structure I am sorry I did not all

See Dr. E's letter to Mr J. April 3rd 1903.

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willing to give the Board money for a
furnace or hot water heater but I under-
stand that Dr. Davis has a friend or friends
anxious to supply this part of the
equipment of the Furber Memorial
If this is so why not make the heating
an extra appropriation and authorize
a furnace or hot water apparatus?
From your letter of a few days ago I learn
that I may hear favorably regarding the
increased appropriations asked for Parker
Hospital from the Finance Committee
(I trust this may be so. Without the
additional \$500 asked for I fear it will
not be possible to complete the inside work.
The hospital building is progressing rapidly.
It will be when completed the handsomest of
structures as yet erected in the station.
I am sorry the furnaces at the Board's disposal
did not allow of an appropriation to the same

See letter to D. J. April 3rd 1908.

land adjacent to the present site of Triken
Station which will be needed in the near
future. From various sources I learn
that the probabilities are the South-Duane
Railroad will lay its track directly in
front and a few hundred away from the
residences and hospital. This will not in
itself be particularly objectionable but with
the Railroad will come many Japanese
merchants and speculators and all contiguous
land will be speedily bought up by them
even though it is here in the name of Storuss
to comply with the law. What is not bought
will be held at high figures by the present
owners. Directly opposite our present
houses is a pretty wooded knoll on whose
side we have already bought two small
barley fields with private funds. A few
hundred yen would probably enable us
to secure the most of the adjacent fields
remaining and enough land for one and
probably two more buildings. This location
is apparently the only convenient and
healthful land near us, between us and
it and surrounding it are low rice
fields. The manager of the Japanese Bank
Dai Ichi Ginko of Fusan who spent a day
with me while visiting Triken with the

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view of establishing a branch bank here after
the railroad's completion asked me whether
I thought the above mentioned Knoll
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desirable spot for himself or his Japanese
friends to build. I did not inform him
that we were anxious to secure it for our-
selves. The Railroad will probably
be completed as far as Saiku one year
from now.

3 At a meeting of the Saiku Station
yesterday a motion was passed recommending
me to give up the dispensary work for
the remainder of the Spring and Summer. This
because I am not feeling able to carry it
on and Dr. Ervin advises that I confine
myself to the open air work of overseeing
the new hospital building until my
heart improves. I shall spend the winter
months every day there.

5 Dr. Ervin is almost entirely recovered
from his attack of fever and expects to
go to the country before long. Mrs. Ervin's
father Mr. Scott is visiting her from the
United States.

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as yet (to take his place, the oversight of
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and Kim Duk Won. At the mid-weekly
prayer-meeting two evenings ago these
two men both back for their circuits made
reports upon the condition of the work.
They were encouraging and show that
the Koreans can rise to the occasion when
responsibility is put upon them. There in
the local church more responsibility has
been thrown also upon its officers than
ever before and I think with the best of
results.

Mrs Johnson has given her
class of little girls into Mrs Bruce's care
and since Mrs Adams de Parture is caring
for the women's class. She says she finds
the work delightful and interesting.

A week ago a class of twenty was in-
ducted at our home and seemed to
enjoy it wonderfully. There was music
bible pictures and stories, games and
refreshments.

I remain
Yours sincerely
H. Johnson

New York City

May 26, 1903

Arthur Judson Brown

Dr. W.O. Johnson
Taiku, Korea

My dear Dr. Johnson:

As I am now conducting the correspondence with Korea, Dr. Ellinwood has referred to me your letter of April 8th. I appreciate the delicacies of the situation to which you refer and I earnestly hope with you that all the embarrassments incident to that case have been forever buried.

I am very sorry to learn that Mr. Bruen returned from a recent trip with an attack of fever. Will you kindly remember me to him and tell him that I have been praying for his speedy recovery. I pleasantly remember my meeting with him in New York before he went to the field.

I am deeply interested in your hospital. When it is finished, I hope you will write me some account of it that I can have published.

The General Assembly is now in session, but as it is three thousand miles away in Los Angeles, we hear very little about it. The telegrams in the daily papers are quite meager. We shall have to wait until letters can come from the Board's representatives, Dr. Halsey and Mr. Hand.

With cordial remembrances to Mrs. Johnson and to your associates at the station, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(signature too light to read but certainly) A.J. Brown

My dear Dr. Ellinwood:

1. Your letter dated May 5 came today and I hasten to reply and express my deep regret that it seems necessary for you to lay aside the secretaryship of our Mission. I have always felt and others of the Mission have expressed themselves to me similarly that we in Korea were exceptionally fortunate in having for our Secretary one with so large experience and intimate knowledge of Foreign Missions. I hope that although you relinquish your active duties the Mission may continue to have the benefit of your advice on all important questions.
2. Regarding the sum of yen 1500 asked for by the Mission to complete and equip the hospital at Taiku, I believe it will be sufficient for that purpose. The original amount asked for in September 1901 was yen 6000⁰⁰ to build the hospital. At the next Annual Meeting in September 1902 and before the building had been begun it was clearly seen that this would be insufficient and an additional sum of yen 500 was requested. The equipment including beds, linens, operating room furniture, etc. had been unprovided for the previous year so a separate appropriation of yen 1000 was asked for this. The hospital roof is now being put on. Nearly two thirds of the work is completed and I hope to see it finished some time in August. If the additional yen 500 for completion and yen 1000 for equipment have been already provided for will it not be possible to cable out to Dr. Vinton, the Mission treasurer, the yen 500 at least immediately? I ask this because the money will be needed shortly, before an answer by mail can arrive and I will find it difficult to advance the money myself. If this can be done by cabling a word or two such as "Johnson 500 or Taiku 500 or Taiku Hospital" - or whatever your cable code permits, I would be greatly obliged. I will notify Dr. Vinton of the possibility of such a cable being received and what it will mean.
3. I have written you several lines during the spring about my health. I have never recovered from the attack of fever I had in the Spring of 1901. The three months just in Japan following it benefitted me much but by autumn I was so lacking in strength and energy that I wrote to the Mission asking them to request Dr. Irvin's opinion on my health and stating that unless I improved soon I did not feel able to continue work. The Mission decided "to relieve Dr. Johnson of medical work in Taiku Station pending restoration to health". This action was taken at the 1901 Annual Meeting while I was absent with my father and sister and family on a trip to Hong Kong. The voyage and rest, however, improved my health and during the fall and winter following in Taiku I believed as I wrote you at the time that I was getting back to normal. It was not found possible in this isolated station with sick Koreans asking aid and no other doctor here, to remain on the ground and follow the Mission's recommendation so it was not followed - but dispensary work carried on as usual until summer.

During the spring the symptoms of lack of strength and nerve force returned and from that time until now during the first twelve months I have been in very poor shape - not doing nearly full work but hanging on hoping to improve. This past winter and spring nervousness, insomnia, headache and lack of strength have been so pronounced that had it not seemed absolutely necessary to build the Taiku hospital I should have asked Dr. Irvin to recommend my return to the United States as soon as the consent of the Mission could be gained. As it is, with Mr. Adams absent and Mr. Barrett a new man, Mr. Bruen has an unusual amount of work and unless overseen by myself the hospital building could not be carried on this year nor would it probably be possible next year by anyone who might take my place. I expect to see its completion therefore and now request the Board to authorize my return home on furlough immediately after the Annual Mission meeting should the Mission so recommend. I write thus early to obtain the Board's approval..... [final page missing]

New York City

July 14, 1903

Arthur Judson Brown

Dr. W. O. Johnson
Taiku, Korea

My Dear Dr. Johnson:

I have read with deep interest your letter of May 8th. I appreciate the difficulties to which you refer in taking an active part on the committee appointed to superintend the building operations at Fusan. We have confidence in your judgment, and we know that you will do the best you can.

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Your account of the tract of land adjoining the present site of the Station greatly impresses me. I heartily wish that we had the funds to promptly secure it. I agree with you as to the desirability of having ample room, but unfortunately the anticipated income of the year has been pledged in the appropriations and our receipts to date are \$47,857 less than they were for the corresponding period of last year. I do hope that the time will come when we shall not have to be pressed in this way. There are so many things that ought to be done. There is no lack of willingness on the part of the Board. The great perplexity is how we can get along with the limited amount of money at our disposal.

I am concerned about your health. I hope that you are taking reasonable care of yourself. I am very sorry that I was not able to visit Taiku when I was in Korea, but from what I saw of other parts of Korea, I can perhaps form a fairly accurate impression of your situation there. At any rate I have a clear conviction that Taiku is an important strategic center which ought to be one of the strong stations of the Mission, and I do not suppose there is any member of the Mission who is disposed to object to that position.

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New York City

July 24, 1903

Arthur Judson Brown

Dr. W.O. Johnson
Taiku, Korea

My dear Dr. Johnson:-

I had just written to you when I received your letter of June 13th to Dr. Ellinwood. I shall show him your very kind reference to him. I am sure that it will gratify him.

The matter of the additional appropriation for which you ask properly belongs in my department as it is the duty of the secretary to see that requests for appropriations are brought to the Board. But as your letter arrives just as I am leaving the city for an absence of several weeks, and as I find that you have written on the same subject to our Treasurer, Mr. Hand, I have arranged with him to handle the matter and to communicate directly with you.

I have read with deep sympathy your account of your ill health. I do not wonder that you are suffering for you had a terrible illness and you have been under a heavy strain since.

The Board does not like to authorize returns on account of ill health prior to its knowledge of official action by the Mission or the certificates of the physicians involved. You will find the whole method of procedure stated on the enclosed medical certificate for a missionary on the field. Please see that all the blanks are filled out. You will note that the Board gives the Mission ample power to act in such circumstances and if necessary to send a missionary home without waiting to hear from the Board.

I shall think of you with special prayer, my dear brother, and when you come home we shall be very glad to welcome you.

Affectionately yours,

(signature too light to read, but surely) A.J. Brown

September 10, 1903

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Sept. 10th, 1903.

To the

Korea Mission:-

Dear Friends:-

The following actions relating to your Mission have been taken since I last wrote to you. I understand that Mr. [redacted] has communicated with the Mission Treasurer on the subject and one of my colleagues wrote to Mr. Gale, but I send the [redacted] you in order that they may be a matter of official record.

"1500 Yen was appropriated for completion of Hospital at Taikoo, the equivalent, namely \$785, having been contributed by Miss Mary H. Wright, through the Philadelphia Society April 23rd, 1903. This being properly chargeable in the year ending April 30th, 1903, the appropriation was ordered charged to Surplus and Deficit Account."

"It was voted to allow the Seoul Station to erect a third residence to be located on the Hospital property and occupied by the hospital physician, the same to be charged to the Chang Dong Property Fund. This Fund, however, to be reimbursed upon the sale of the present physician's residence; it being understood, however, that the latter residence shall not be left vacant."

"An appropriation of certain sums received from various sources for the finishing and equipment of the Pusah Hospital, Korea, was approved."

"The Young Peoples' Societies of San Francisco, Cal., having offered through the Women's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions, to raise \$2500. for a hospital at Syon Chin, Korea, under the care of Dr. A. H. Sharrocks, it was voted gratefully to accept the offer, but with the distinct understanding that the amount is an extra, and not to interfere with the regular income of the Board."

"The leave of absence of the Rev. J. S. Gale of the Korea Mission, now in Switzerland, was extended four weeks."

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We are particularly happy by the noble generosity of the Young Peoples' societies in San Francisco in pledging the funds for the new hospital at Wyeon Chon. The needs of that station have lain heavily upon me. Of course the money is not yet in our hands, so that it will not be practicable to proceed with its expenditure, but as soon as it comes, our Treasurer, Mr. Hant, will notify the Treasurer of the Mission so that no further action of the Board will be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

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Nov. 5th., 1903.

To the Korea Mission,

Dear Friends:

We have received with deep regret your certificate of Sept. 18th announcing the necessity of the return to this country of Dr. W. O. Johnson on account of ill health. The facts presented in this certificate, however, are so clear that it is evident that you took the wise and necessary action. At a meeting of the Board, November 2nd the following action was accordingly taken.

"The Board approved the return to the United States, of Dr. W. O. Johnson of the Korea Mission on the basis of a medical certificate from the Mission as to its necessity for health reasons. The Treasurer was instructed to pay the necessary travelling expenses."

We earnestly hope that the ocean voyage and rest he will have in the next few days bring to Dr. Johnson the relief that he so greatly needs. We will think of him with sympathetic interest and prayer.

I am trying to get a delegation of influential Presbyterians to represent the Board and Presbyterian Church in the United States at the conference to be held in Seoul, September 1904. At this writing it is probable that we have secured the Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., and Mr. Nathaniel Tucker. Dr. Stevenson is the pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York City, a member of the Board, and Chairman of the Committee on Korea. Mr. Tucker is an elder of the Central Presbyterian Church of Orange, N. J., a trustee of the Princeton Theological Seminary, and a large giver to foreign missions. He has a son who is a member of the Hensan Mission in China, and Mr. Tucker not only supports him but has given all the funds necessary for the establishment and maintenance of a women's hospital in See Chow, China. We have also asked Mr. Lewis H. Severance of Cleveland, the

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honors of the Seoul Hospital. We have not yet heard from him and we are not absolutely certain that those whom I have mentioned can go. There is, however, a pretty good prospect of Dr. Stevenson and Mr. Tooke being with you and we hope that Mr. Severance can also go. We may invite some other men. I think it would be a great thing for you and for the Board and the home churches if we could get a strong delegation to visit Korea. Of course, we must adopt the plan of the immortal Pickwick group of Dickens and ask the members of the delegation to pay their own expenses, and as the trip is an expensive and one which requires considerable time, you will see our choice is necessarily restricted to men who are so situated that they can command both time and money. I wish Dr. Vinton would immediately send me about fifty copies of your printed invitation. I think I can use them to advantage.

With cordial remembrances to all the members of the Mission, I am as ever,

Affectionately yours,

Arthur J. Brown

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Dr. Brown

Taiku, Korea. March 23d. 1904.

Dr. A. J. Brown,
156 Fifth Ave. New York.

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Dr. W. W. Null

Dear Dr. Brown.- I have often thought of writing to you, but if you can realize the amount of work a new missionary has before him and especially a physician, you will know why I have not. We are very comfortably located in our new work. It takes some time to get arranged to live in the orient. I think we gain as much to fall into the habit of the country and work continually and deliberately toward one end.

We are hard at work on the language. It is very difficult, but we are able to make ourselves understood without an interpreter now. We have been meeting patients at the hospital dispensary for two months without anyone to help us who can speak a word of English. I think the best way to learn a language is to use it. We surely have good language practice in our medical work. I do not mean to imply that we can talk much, yet enough to do our work.

We have been overrun with medical work. The mission asked us not to put in more than two hours per day in medical practice. We began by trying to put in two hours in the afternoon. This was not satisfactory as we could not get away in that time. Then we went three afternoons per week. We always had several in-patients, operative cases, that I had to see each day besides. This took too much time and we did not get to study enough. Now we go one afternoon per week to see new patients. In addition to this we have many calls at homes refuse as we may. In this last arrangement we are getting a satisfactory amount of time for language study.

Mrs. Null sees the women and children. The best class of women are now beginning to come to her. Many who are in seclusion come in covered chairs. The best class of women did not come to me for treatment, before Mrs. Null started her work. Thus you see our work is among a different class of people.

Mrs. Null joins me in expressing our regret that the Board recommends the missionaries to stop at the Mentone in San Francisco.

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It is far inferior to what any of the missionaries would stop at had the Board not recommended the place. We were given the room occupied by the proprietor, and no fire provided. We had no bath water after our journey across the continent. Our room was dirty, and the meals were probably so that one would not starve. We were very glad when we got away. I write this not complaining, but to inform you so that others may be better treated. All our party said that they would write to you about it. I was told it has changed proprietors recently.

We like our work here very much. We only wish we could talk well enough to do religious work. The men's class has just closed. Some two hundred men were present.

note If you have not my father's address on your list of names that you keep informed when emergencies arise. I wish you would put it there. W. H. Null. Blainville, Ill.

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Bruen are in the country. Mr. Barrett will be away one month and Mr. Bruen for ten or fifteen days. Everything here is very quiet. The war does not affect us at all, and I hope it will not.

Yours very truly,

M. M. Null.